



New Haven Democracy Fund

"To ensure that all the citizens of New Haven have a fair and meaningful opportunity to participate in the election of mayor."
New Haven Code of General Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article XI, §2-821 • Established in 2007 • democracyfund@newhavenct.net



DEMOCRACY FUND BOARD MEETING

6:15 PM, Monday, September 19th, 2016

New Haven City Hall – 165 Church Street

Second Floor, Mayor's Meeting Room #2

New Haven Democracy Fund Board:

Jared Milfred, Chair

Gerald Martin, Vice Chair

Sergio Rodriguez, Treasurer

William Wynn, Secretary

Jack Paulishen

(Two Seats Vacant)

Democracy Fund Administrator: Alyson Heimer

Minutes:

1. Meeting was called to Order at 6:23pm by Chair Milfred. Martin was excused due to illness.

2. Rodriguez moved to approve the Minutes of the prior meeting, 8/19/2016. Wynn seconded. Unanimously approved.

3. Treasurer's Report. No payments or receipts since the previous meeting.

4. Administrator's Report

Administrator Heimer spoke about the event she attended in Cambridge, MA as an expert on a panel at Cambridge City Hall during a public hearing on whether the city should institute a public financing program for councilmembers. Heimer passed out some news coverage of the event, which had also been on the social media page.

5. Report from the Chair

- A) Updates on Administrator's Contract with City - action was taken with city staff to change the Administrator's contract to run July to June. The new contract would expire in June 2017. Waiting on Controller Jones to provide a new waiver for insurance to finalize the contract changes.
- B) New Board Member Interest - For future interested parties, the chair recommends sending letters of support for those who attend meetings and show interest to us in attending. Rodriguez suggested getting a full list of all applicants for the past 6 months and meet with relevant parties to understand the reasons these applicants were not moved forward in the process.
- C) Resignation as Board Chair. Rodriguez, thanked Milfred for his time as chair and the board wished him all the best at Oxford.

6. No Public Comment.



New Haven Democracy Fund

"To ensure that all the citizens of New Haven have a fair and meaningful opportunity to participate in the election of mayor."
New Haven Code of General Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article XI, §2-821 • Established in 2007 • democracyfund@newhavenct.net



7. Board Leadership Elections

- A) Opportunity for New Nominations. None.
- B) Chair Election. Sergio Rodriguez unanimously elected.
- C) Vice Chair Election. William Wyn unanimously elected.
- D) Treasurer Election. Jack Paulishen unanimously elected.
- E) Secretary Election. No nominees, left vacant.

8. New Business

- A) Fall Meeting Schedule. With Milfred leaving their will be 4 members of the board and quorum is still possible.
- B) Paperwork for the 2017 election cycle will be updated and voted on at the next meeting.
- C) Jared Milfred moving to England to begin graduate school, resigning from Board in October.
- D) Rodriguez suggested using NHI radio as a platform to get information out to voters before the next campaign season. Administrator will contact Paul Bass and folks at CTV before the next meeting to find out details of appearing in these mediums.

- 9. Rodriguez motioned to adjourn the meeting. Paulishen seconded. Meeting concluded at 7:07pm.